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Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90, Annual State Certification of Support for Eligible

Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Enclosed, please find the Section 54.314 State Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers for the following:

Company Name: Verizon Rhode Island

Study Area Code: 585114

Signed,

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54.314(a) State-Certification Filing Year: 2016

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. & 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **Rhode Isand Public Utilities Commission** hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The **Rhode Isand Public Utilities Commission** certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within **RHODE ISLAND** was used in the preceding calendar year (**2015**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2017**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Rhode Isand Public Utilities Commission

CARRIER	SAC
VERIZON RHODE ISLAND	585114

Signed,

Signature of Certifying State Commission Representative: Certified On-Line Name of Certifying State Commission Representative: Cynthia Wilson-Frias

Title or Position of Certifying State Commission Representative: Deputy Chief of Legal Services

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Date: 09/30/2016

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")